(d) Does not arise.

(e) Coconut Development Board is efficiently discharging its legitimate and important functions which include :

(i) Adopting measures for the development of coconut industry so that farmers, particularly small farmers, may become participants and beneficiaries of the development and growth of coconut industry.

(ii) Recommending measures for improving the marketing of coconut and its products in India.

(iii) Imparting technical advice to any person who is engaged in the cultivation of coconut or the processing or the marketing of coconut and its products.

(iv) Providing financial or other assistance for the development of high yielding coconut hybrids, adoption of improved methods of cultivation of coconut, modern technology for processing of coconut and extension of areas under coconut cultivation (including replanting) with a view to improving the growth of coconut industry;

(v) Assisting, encouraging, promoting or financing agricultural, technological, industrial or economic research on coconut and its products in such manner as the Board may deem fit by making use of available institutions.

(vi) Undertaking such publicity and publishing such publications like books and periodicals on the research and development of coconut and its products, as may be found necessary.

Restriction on Production and Distribution of Milk and Milk Products

4148. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that many rules and regulations of the Centre and the States are restricting the production and distribution of the milk and milk products; and

(b) whether Government propose any relaxation of these regulations for large scale availability of the dairy products as it has become an unrestricted item of import ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of (a) above, question does not arise.